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NEW GREENE STREET ROUNDABOUT OPENS TO TRAFFIC

GREENSBORO, NC – Friday, June 16, 2006 – After a year and a half of planning and construction, the new modern roundabout at Greene and McGee Streets downtown has opened to traffic this morning. Anchoring the Greene Street Streetscape project, the traffic structure was built to reduce traffic speeds and associated accidents, and add an exciting aesthetic element to the downtown area.

Roundabouts are growing in popularity around the country because of their contributions to traffic safety. The typical roundabout will reduce the number of conflict points, or opportunities for collisions from 32 to only 8. Vehicles using the roundabout simply yield to traffic coming from the left. Pedestrians will also find roundabouts easier and safer by allowing pedestrians to cross one lane of traffic at a time.

Keys to using a roundabout include slowing down on approach and yielding to traffic already within the roundabout. Drivers should stop if necessary for vehicles or pedestrians before entering. Also, do not stop anywhere within the roundabout and watch for pedestrians before you exit. Pedestrians should use designated crosswalks around the roundabout and never walk within the roundabout.

Along with the opening of the roundabout, travel lanes on Greene Street between Greene and McGee have opened for full use including angled parking in the vicinity of the Carolina Theater. Motorists and pedestrians are reminded that traffic on this section of roadway now flows both ways and asked to proceed accordingly.

For information on the use of the roundabout, visit the GDOT website or call 373-GDOT (4368).

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